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1. TURKISH EMBASSY DCM GAVE CHARGE RUNDOWN DECEMBER 20 ON GDR/TURKISH DECEMBER 13-16 CONSULTATIONS, WHICH COVERED INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS BILATERAL MATTERS AND WHICH WENT RELATIVELY WELL. ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS, THE EAST GERMANS (WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KROLIKOWSKI AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NIER DOING THE TALKING) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE AND THE RELAXATION OF TENSION. THEY APPARENTLY CRIBBED HEAVILY FROM THE WARSAW PACT BUCHAREST DECLARATION, PUSHING THE NON FIRST-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH DCM, KROLIKOSKI SAID THAT EVEN IF PROGRESS COULD BE
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MADE IN MBFR, THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD NOT MOVE AHEAD IN THIS AREA UNTIL THERE WAS PROGRESS ON THE NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSAL. WHEN QUERIED AGAIN ON THIS POSSIBLE LINK, THE TURKISH DCM CHECKED HIS NOTES AND CONFIRMED HIS ORIGINAL CHARACTERIZATION OF KROLIKOWSKI'S REMARKS. (WHEN DEPARTMENT OFFICER

ZIMMERMAN AND CHARGE TRIED OUT THIS LINKAGE ON AMBASSADOR BIBOW, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MFA'S EUROPEAN DIVISION DURING DECEMBER 20 COURTESY CALL, BIBOW SAID HE SAW NO LINK OR PRIORITY BETWEEN THE TWO APPROACHES.) IN GENERAL, THE EAST GERMANS STRESSED THE CONTRIBUTION THAT MILITARY DETENTE COULD MAKE TO POLITICAL DETENTE.

2. THE EAST GERMANS ALSO USED THE OCCASION TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON CSCE AND BELGRADE. THE TURKS APPARENTLY GAINED NO CLEAR IDEA, HOWEVER, OF HOW THE EAST GERMANS PLANNED TO CARRY OUT A DIALOGUE WITH CSCE SIGNATORIES IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE. ACCORDING TO THE TURKS, THE EAST GERMANS DO NOT WANT BELGRADE TO BECOME A "COURT" FOR JUDGING EACH COUNTRY'S DETAILED COMPLIANCE WITH THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. INSTEAD, BELGRADE SHOULD CONSIST OF A GENERAL REVIEW OF WHAT EACH SIGNATORY HAS DONE TO FULFILL THE FINAL ACT. SINCE THE PARTICIPANTS AT BELGRADE WILL NOT, ACCORDING TO THE EAST GERMANS, BE ON A POLITICAL LEVEL, THE MEETING SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES NOT FORESEEN IN THE FINAL ACT.

3. DURING THE CSCE DISCUSSION, THE EAST GERMANS MADE REFERENCE TO "600 INCIDENTS" AT THE FRG/GDR BORDER AND TO THE SITUATION IN AN AROUND WEST BERLIN WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE COMPLICATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. THE USA ALSO CAME IN FOR A SWIPE BY THE EAST GERMANS, WHO ALLEGED THAT FAILURE TO GRANT MFN TO THE GDR WAS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF CSCE. FOR HIS PART, ELEGDAK RAISED, IN THE CSCE
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CONTEXT, THE MATTER OF THE TWO TURKISH-LANGUAGE STATIONS IN THE GDR, NOTING THAT THEIR TRANSMISSIONS WERE HARDLY CONDUCTIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE TURKS, KROLIKOWSKI HAD NO READY ANSWER, BUT NIER FLATLY REJECTED THE IDEA THAT THERE WERE TURKISH-LANGUAGE STATIONS IN THE GDR.

4. THE EAST GERMANS ALSO ASKED THE TURKS TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND THE AEGEAN SEA. THE TURKISH DCM SAID HE WAS NOT PRESENT, HOWEVER, DURING THIS PART OF THE TALKS.

5. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, THE EAST GERMANS RAISED THE MATTER OF THE CONSULAR CONVENTION BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT PUSH TOO HARD. THE TURKS SAID THEY WERE STUDYING THE MATTER, AND WOULD APPRECIATE -- AS A WAY OF STALLING THE EAST GERMANS -- RECEIVING COPIES OF CONSULAR CONVENTIONS THE GDR HAS ALREADY SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH DCM, THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE IS EAGER TO MOVE ON A CONSULAR CONVENTION, BUT THE POLITICAL SIDE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOT. IT DOES NOT WANT TO GET EMBROILED IN THE DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY QUESTION, AND DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A CONSULAR CONVENTION WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY FACILITATE THE SETTLEMENT OF CONSULAR PROBLEMS, WHICH AT THIS STAGE OF TURKISH-GDR RELATIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANT.

6. POSSIBLE GDR PARTICIPATION IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN TURKEY WAS DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH TURKISH DCM DID NOT WISH TO ELABORATE ON DETAILS OF THIS ASPECT OF DISCUSSIONS, EXCEPT TO INDICATE THAT GDR INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE LINKED TO ABILITY TO PROVIDE HARD CURRENCY CREDITS. HE REITERATED THAT EAST GERMANS HAD BEEN GIVEN COPIES OF APPROPRIATE TURKISH DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND THAT GDR WAS STUDYING THESE PLANS.
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7. GDR AGREED, AT TURKISH REQUEST, TO TAKE UP CLAIMS MATTERS DERIVING FROM WORLD WAR II. THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF CLAIMS APPARENTLY ARE VERY SMALL. A TURKISH DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THE END OF JANUARY FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS.

8. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER WILL VISIT TURKEY IN 1977.

9. THE TURKS HERE APPEAR SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF TALKS. THEY THOUGHT DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL MATTERS WAS RELATIVELY FRANK, WITH EXCEPTION OF TURKISH-LANGUAGE STATIONS IN GDR. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THEY FOUND THAT PRINCIPLES OF DETENTE AS ENUNCIATED BY GDR WERE SIMILAR TO THEIR OWN, ALTHOUGH THERE COULD WELL BE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON HOW THESE PRINCIPLES WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED. POLANSKY

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